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1. THE PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT'S HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF FORMER PRIMIN BHUTTO AND FOUR OTHERS ON THEIR MURDER/CONSPIRACY CONVICTIONS WAS TAKEN UP WITH TWO MAJOR ISSUES IN THIS ITS SEVENTH WEEK:

--BHUTTO'S ATTORNEY, YAHYA BAKHTIAR, CONTINUED HIS ARGUMENT
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THAT NO INDEPENDENTLY CORROBORATED EVIDENCE EXISTS OF A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER AHMED RAZA KASURI. BAKHTIAR SUBMITTED THAT ALL OF THE EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY SUBMITTED BY THE PROSECUTION IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT TRIAL WAS TAINTED; "DOUBLING TAINTED EVIDENCE, HE SAID, "DOES NOT MAKE IT ANY BETTER."

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--BAKHTIAR ATTACKED THE JULY 10 CONFESSION (REFTEL)
OF MIAN MOHAMMAD ABBAS, ONE OF THE FIVE APPELLANTS.
BAKHTIAR SAID THAT ABBAS WAS A DISREPUTABLE WITNESS, HAVING
ALREADY CONFESSED ONCE AND RETRACTED IT. MOREOVER, OVER
HIS CONFESSION DOES NOT PROVE CONSPIRACY, WHICH MUST,
BAKHTIAR ARGUED, BE ESTABLISHED FIRST BY INDEPENDENT
EVIDENCE.

2. THE HEARING IS IN RECESS JULY 20 AND 21 AND RESUMES
JULY 22; WE HAVE NO NEW INDICATION OF A WIND-UP DATE
BEYOND THOSE ALREADY REPORTED.
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